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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant CANCELS claims 16 and 17.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-15 are allowed.

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yoshikawa et al. (U.S. 6,125,041). Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshikawa et al. in view of Young et al. (U.S. 5,596,486).

Claims 16 and 17 have been canceled rendering the above rejections moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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